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Von Star Jones : You Have to Stand for Something, Or You'll Fall for Anything before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised You Have to Stand for Something, Or You'll Fall for Anything:

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Confident, optimistic and strong Von Rebecca of Star Jones is a confident, optimistic, strong woman who knows what she wants and how to get it. She made a decision to be all she could be. Her strength comes from her mother and the values she learned as a child. I found it sad that her father could not have been more influential in her life. She was fortunate however, to be surrounded by loving family members who stood by her when times got rough. Her views of men are mixed and come from her own experiences with her father and other men who had disappointed her in the past. Her mother, "Shirley," is definitely her hero. I think her mother explains it beautifully: "You may have been born in the ghetto, but the ghetto's not born in you." Star definitely has reached for the best in life and will not let anyone tell her she can not get whatever her heart desires. This book is truly "the dictionary that defines" Star Jones. By the time you have finished this book you will know what she stands for and what she allows to slide. On the other hand, there are some issues where she presents both sides and leaves you to decide. She has definitely overcome obstacles, for which we must applaud her. As she says: "The key is to learn from your mistakes and work to never repeat them." She has plan A as her ideal, but plan B will have to do if she cannot have the fairy tale version. This seems to be how she balances her intellectual and romantic sides. There are places where I laughed out loud, especially the part where she described some of the cooks at their church socials. Something I had not thought of was an issue she discussed about television programming and especially an issue on "Friends." She does not shy away from her religious beliefs and openly states: "I have a relationship with God, but I'm not just a Christian." She doesn't see the single most important aspect of her life as off-limits and knows that we each find God in our own way. She also explains how she knows God exists and gives him thanks for her position in life. There are statements of truth (which I have taken the liberty of highlighting) within the stories about her life as a lawyer, her medical emergency, her deep friendships and her life on "The View." We soon learn that her family has had a great impact on her life and that friends and family are what her life is about. She is a friend first, a lawyer and a television personality second. She also loves Paris (a trait I admire as I too love Paris and Provence). It is humorous to see her take the networks and talking heads to task. I think she is voicing what many people are intimidated to say. The people of America are tired of being told what to believe. "Just give me the facts and let me decide." I don't know if she supports any causes because she doesn't discuss them. I am sure she probably does and doesn't want to use undue influence. She definitely does like to shop, which some of us can appreciate. I think women everywhere will be able to relate to her. She has a cute note to all the little girls in the world at the end of the book. I think that if you ever became her friend in real life, she would be a true one. Just beware: This woman is going to tell it like it is "Girlfriend," so get over it!" :) I also like friends who are going to tell me the truth. Her frankness about reality is something I love about her and I think you will feel the same. This is a book about where she stands. I wish more people would stand up for what they believe in, and relish the fact, That we don't always agree. I guess the hardest part about being a grownup is figuring out where you stand, and then standing there!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Arrogance or self-confidence? Von Ein Kunde When Ms. Jones talks about the law, it's clear she's in her element and I thoroughly enjoyed those parts of the book. It's when she talks about her personal life that she loses me. As my summary above asks -- arrogance or self-confidence? She says she knows the difference, but I disagree. She obviously has a very high opinion of herself and while admitting that she had some advantages early in life (such as strong family support and role models) that others didn't, she acts as though she deserved all of it because she's so great. Don't get me wrong. I loved the book and I enjoy watching her on "The View" and there's certainly nothing wrong with tooting your own horn, but I think she should have stayed in the legal profession where her talents lie.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. OK reading for fans of "The View"; inspiring; a bit arrogant Von christyc@psci.net I am not sure what point Miss Jones was trying to get across in this book. I found the brush-with-death and family issues to be somewhat inspiring, but most of the other parts in the book came off as arrogant. She seemed to be using this book to tell the world how great she thinks she is. In the book, Star says that she now knows where the line is drawn between confidence and arrogance. I'm not so sure she does. The book seems to be sloppily put together, in a sort of random-thought fashion. However, if you are a fan of "The View", it can be a somewhat entertaining and fast read.

Kurzbeschreibung Strongly held beliefs, a wicked sense of humor, and take-no-prisoners opinion the many fans of Star Jones, former co-host of ABC's The View, have come to expect all this and more. In this remarkable book, the former New York City prosecutor shows why she became one of the most quoted and respected media personalities on television. Here she touches fearlessly on subjects both conventional and controversial, such as the importance of family and friendship, the law, racism, abortion, television, politics, and her relationship with God. And she does it all with a unique and refreshing viewpoint that will make you think twice about everything you thought you knew. Here, too, is her powerful and intensely personal story, told with warmth, humor, and sometimes painful candor. This is an empowering memoir by a remarkable woman who not only walks the walk and talks the talk but challenges you to do the same..

dePablo Picasso once said, "There are only two types of women--goddesses and doormats." The ever-sassy Star Jones, watched by millions as cohost of The View, shares that opinion, and here in You Have to Stand... she aims

to shake the living daylight out of the doormat in all of us. Unlike many autobiographical books these days, Jones's is truly absorbing reading. While she vividly recounts her lifetime of "rocking the boat," she imparts many nice, swift kicks in the pants. Formerly a senior district attorney in Brooklyn, New York (where stabbing someone in the chest is a misdemeanor), and a Court TV commentator, Jones is known for her singular, take-no-baloney attitude. She caused a media ruckus during the William Kennedy Smith rape trial by saying that any woman who can't remember taking off a pair of control-top pantyhose "has a credibility problem." She says she doesn't want to know that President Clinton "has a hard-on in a little cubby next to the Oval Office." Her pro-choice stance, she says, "goes against how I was raised and what I was taught, and yet at the same time I recognize that my beliefs aren't everyone's. If abortion is antithetical to your beliefs, then by all means don't have an abortion. But don't tell me what I can and cannot believe." Jones freely reveals what pisses her off in the hopes of instilling a similar stand-up-for-yourself attitude in her readers. She shares her fiesty opinions on such topics family and friends, God, television, politics, and racism. Not only does she rally against the closed-minded, but she makes a point of criticizing the wishy-washy as well, making this a roiling, rivetingly good book. --Erica Jorgensen *Pressestimmen* "A powerful role model--a very enjoyable read."-- *Publishers Weekly* "Exceptionally entertaining."-- *Buffalo News* "Jones steps up as a credible biographer...with equal parts candor and humor."-- *Houston Chronicle*